

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
MIDLAND/ODESSA DIVISION**

MATTHEW J. PEASE,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 7:24-CV322-RCG-DC

SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION,  
FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY  
AUTHORITY, DEPOSITORY TRUST & CLEARING  
CORPORATION, CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.,  
formerly TD AMERITRADE, GTS SECURITIES LLC,  
EQUINITI TRUST COMPANY, formerly AMERICAN  
STOCK TRANSFER & TRUST COMPANY, NEXT  
BRIDGE HYDROCARBONS, INC., JOHN BRDA,  
GREGORY MCCABE,

Defendants.

**ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT FINRA'S REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE**

On this day came on for hearing Defendant Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.'s ("FINRA") Request for Judicial Notice. Upon consideration of same, the Court finds it is well taken and should be granted. Accordingly, therefore, it is

ORDERED that the Request for Judicial Notice is **GRANTED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Court hereby takes judicial notice of the Exhibits attached to the Request for Judicial Notice as well as FINRA's rules cited within FINRA's Motion to Dismiss.

SIGNED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Judge Presiding